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SHARING LIFE STORIES OF COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP

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You helped Abigail choose not just life, but **ABUNDANT** life in Christ!

Abigail* loved God and loved her church. If someone had asked her if she was pro-life, she would have said yes. She believed that abortion was wrong and children were a gift from God.

Then Abigail discovered that she was pregnant.

She had no doubt who the father was. Abigail had been in a bad relationship with a man who wasn't a Christian. She knew she had to break it off, and she had. She thought she could put him behind her and move on with her life ... until she saw that little blue line on her pregnancy test. A baby meant being linked to the baby's father. How could she be connected to him for the rest of her life?

Making matters worse, she'd just accepted an offer for her "dream job." The one that she'd been praying for and working towards for years. Now, with a baby on the way, how could she continue with the job? What would her boss say?

Abigail knew that abortion was wrong, but that didn't change the problems surrounding being "tied down" to the baby's father or to losing her dream job. She didn't want to talk

about her decision with anyone at her church, she wasn't sure how they'd react. So in desperation, she went online looking for information about abortion. Thanks to your generosity, she saw an ad for *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, and prayed as she dialed that someone there could help her.

Thanks to you, Abigail's coach was there to listen as she poured out her heart. It was clear that Abigail loved God and wanted to do the right thing, she just afraid of what might happen if she chose life for her baby. Her coach helped Abigail remember the ways God had cared for her and remind her of God's faithfulness, even when everything feels like it is falling apart.

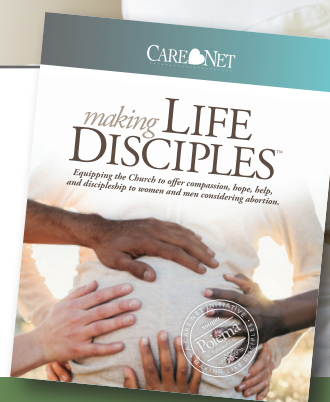
Abigail didn't need a reminder that her unborn child was a human life. She already knew that. What she needed was a reminder of the hope of Gospel that she had long believed in. She needed to remember that God loved her and her baby and wanted to give both of them life abundantly.

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You can bring a Christ-like response to the abortion crisis to your church!

Take our user-friendly, exclusive online course to transform the way your church responds to women and men in need of compassion, hope, and help.

Available for individuals and groups at:
CARENETU.ORG



*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

You and Your Church

About six years ago, God started to speak into my heart about the need for His Church to do more to care for women and men considering abortion. As a parachurch ministry, I knew that Care Net was instrumental in this work, but God kept reminding me that without the Church, there can't be a parachurch!

These thoughts turned into conversations at Care Net, and those conversations became our *Making Life Disciples* initiative.

After conducting an important national survey of women who've had abortions – which revealed that 2 in 5 women who had abortions were regularly attending church at the time of their first abortion – we formally launched the *Making Life Disciples* resource in 2016.

In the last four years, we have learned so much about God's faithfulness and His desire for us to do things in His time. He has been so faithful in helping us get the *Making Life Disciples* resource into over a thousand pregnancy centers and churches, allowing us to equip the church to better provide compassion, hope, and help to women and men considering abortion.

We have launched MakingLifeDisciples.com where folks like you—church-going, God-honoring Christians—can sign up to bring *Making Life Disciples* to their own churches. So far, over 3,500 of you have done so!

And we've also learned that the best timing is God's timing. Do I wish *Making Life Disciples* was already in all 400,000 churches in our nation? Yes! But I am trusting in God as he helps us undertake the slow, steady, learning-focused growth that is necessary for such a big undertaking – one that will ultimately transform the way believers ... and our nation ... respond to the abortion crisis.

And this is where you can help! You and your church can learn how to become Life Disciples. Visit MakingLifeDisciples.com to sign up, and one of our coordinators will get in touch with you to help you bring *Making Life Disciples* to your own church.

I am excited about what God will do through this initiative this year, knowing that you can be a huge part of it, too!



Blessings to You,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Care Net's research into abortion found that two out of five women who had abortions were attending church at least once a month at the time of their abortion. Good theology is not enough to prevent abortion from seeming like the only way out of a difficult situation. What women like Abigail need is someone to come alongside them embodying the compassion, hope, and help of Jesus. What they need is a message that is not just pro-life but Pro **Abundant** Life.

Thank you for ensuring that Abigail, and many other women and men, can experience that abundance when they call our *Pregnancy Decision Line*, visit one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or speak with a trained Life Disciple at one of our church partners.

YOU CAN HELP BRING ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST!



Help save lives by sharing the gospel with a parent considering abortion today!

Your gift today to help us meet our \$351,300 monthly budget will help share the gospel with mothers and fathers considering abortion today to help them choose not just life for their unborn child but ABUNDANT life in Christ!

Your generosity will ensure that there is always someone to answer desperate calls to our national hotline, to guide a mother or father facing an unexpected pregnancy through a pregnancy decision at one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, and to help grow our network of churches to disciple and provide long-term emotional and spiritual support to families who choose life.

Your support will save unborn lives today!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CARE NET!

OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find Care Net's national hotline, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a church equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry through our church curriculum. You can help ensure they are able to find compassion, hope, and help 365 days a year by donating monthly to become a *Caring Partner*!

As a *Caring Partner*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth

3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select "Make My Gift Monthly" on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift.
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/give-monthly
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! Pregnancy Decision Line is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can connect a parent facing



Prodigal Daughter, Loving Father

Your gift helped draw Lauren back to Christ!

Lauren's* heart skipped a beat when she saw her positive pregnancy test. As the truth sank in, her past flashed in front of her eyes. She remembered when Jesus came into her life many years prior and how alive it made her feel. But those good feelings were eclipsed by the loneliness and guilt that came on after she walked away from church. Everything after that was blur of memories she'd rather not remember.

It all seemed so unreal.

How did she go from that young woman who dedicated her life to Christ to someone who was seriously considering getting an abortion? Desperate, she decided to do a little research. Browsing on her phone, she found the number for Care Net's national hotline thanks to your support that enables Care Net to advertise online and have a social media presence.

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an unexpected or complicated pregnancy with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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pregnancydecisionline.org

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PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or pregnancydecisionline.org



Your Presence at the March For Life

Thousands reached with the Pro Abundant Life message!

Because of people like you who prayed and supported Care Net, approximately 30 volunteers and staffers brought attention to the Pro Abundant Life movement at the March for Life. They handed out close to 5,000 signs and shared the Pro Abundant Life message with the estimated 225,000 people at the March.

47 years is far too long for the injustice of abortion to have continued, but we were thankful to be there, praying for a time when there is no more need to march. And we knew that we weren't alone, you were right there with us — if not physically, in spirit.

With your continued help, we will save the lives of the unborn and share the Pro Abundant Life message of compassion, hope, and help with parents considering abortion until abortion becomes not just illegal, but unthinkable.

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As she told her story, the calming voice of the hotline coach reassured her that God could forgive her. Lauren was stunned beyond words! She knew all about Jesus' love and forgiveness, but she had turned away from Him. Could God really love her enough to forgive all she'd done?

The coach reassured Lauren that the cross covered every sin. She emphasized that God *wanted* Lauren to turn to Him. Stepping away from the call, Lauren felt a surge of hope that she hadn't felt in years.

Thanks to your faithful and generous support, Lauren was able to hear the truth about God's love and forgiveness. You help women and men faced with pregnancy decisions hear the good news that they can be transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, empowered to choose life for their unborn children, and choose abundant life for their families.

Please pray for Lauren, and other women like her, to see the love and forgiveness available to them through Jesus Christ, and that Lauren would find a local pregnancy center to help her choose life for her unborn baby.



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